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SUBJ: BORSIG CASE

REF: (A) STATE 082627 (NOTAL); (B) BONN 05486;
(C) BONN 04443 (NOTAL)

1. SUMMARY: APPARENTLY GOVERNMENT OF FRG HAS NOT
YET REACHED DECISION ABOUT ACTION TO BE TAKEN IN BORSIG
CASE. IN TRIPARTITE MEETING, UK AND FRENCH HAVE
AGREED ON TEXT FOR ORAL DEMARCHE TO FRG ALONG LINES
GIVEN IN REF C, AMENDED IN ACCORDANCE WITH REF A.
UNLESS INSTRUCTED OTHERWISE EMBASSY PROPOSES TO
FOLLOW UP THESE DEMARCHES WITH CALL ON DR. ROUGET
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AT FOREIGN OFFICE TO DISCUSS CURRENT STATUS OF
BORSIG CASE. END SUMMARY.

2. FRENCH NUCLEAR ATTACHE IN BONN INVITED UK AND US SCIENCE COUNSELORS TO MEET WITH HIM ON APRIL 20 TO DISCUSS FRENCH VIEWS ABOUT UK DRAFT NON-PAPER FOR ORAL DEMARCHE (REF C). EMBASSY S&T COUNSELOR RESPONDED THAT QUESTION MIGHT BE MOOT AND SUGGESTED AN INDEPENDENT CHECK WITH DR. ROUGET TO CONFIRM REF B REPORT.

3. UK SCIENCE COUNSELOR DID SO (IN COURSE OF DISCUSSION ON OTHER TOPICS) AND REPORTED THAT ROUGET SAID FRG HAS NOT YET MADE A DECISION ABOUT BORSIG CASE.

4. IN TRIPARTITE MEETING, FRENCH NUCLEAR ATTACHE PRESENTED FRENCH VIEWS WHICH WERE IN COMPLETE AGREEMENT WITH US VIEWS CONTAINED REF A. EMBOFF SUPPORTED FRENCH POSITION. UK SCIENCE COUNSELOR ACCEPTED THIS ADVICE, BUT BOTH FRENCH AND BRITISH PREFERRED NOT RPT NOT MENTION CANADA. EMBOFF REITERATED THAT USG DID NOT RPT NOT BELIEVE THAT JOINT TRIPARTITE DEMARCHE WOULD BE NECESSARY. ALTHOUGH WE DID APPRECIATE UK AND FRENCH SUPPORT (STATE 057953 AND REF A). FRENCH AND UK REPS APPEARED WILLING TO MAKE SEPARATE INDEPENDENT ORAL DEMARCHES USING AGREED TEXT BUT UK WISHED TO CHECK ONCE AGAIN WITH LONDON BEFORE DOING SO, IF US WAS NOT GOING TO JOIN THEM. FRENCH NUCLEAR ATTACHE URGED UK SCIENCE COUNSELOR TO SEEK QUICK DECISION FOR APPROACH TO FRG BEFORE APRIL 23. BOTH FRENCH AND UK REPS BELIEVE THAT FRG NEEDS ANOTHER PUSH ON BORSIG CASE ASAP TO STIFFEN ROUGET'S RESOLVE AND TO STRENGTHEN FRG FONOFF POSITION.

5. EMBASSY COMMENT: APPARENTLY ROUGET HAS MET SOME OPPOSITION IN FOLLOWING THROUGH ON HIS PLANS AS REPORTED IN REF B. WE NOTE THAT THIS IS NOT THE FIRST TIME FONOFF POSITION HAS BEEN BLOCKED. FRG ECONOMICS AND TECHNOLOGY MINISTRIES ARE MORE HOSTILE
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TOWARD US POSITION THAN IMPLIED BY THE BEHAVIOR OF THEIR REPRESENTATIVES AT THE LONDON MEETING (LONDON 05090) AND THEY APPARENTLY HAVE BEEN SUCCESSFUL ONCE AGAIN IN DELAYING FONOFF ACTION. UNLESS INSTRUCTED OTHERWISE, EMBASSY S&T COUNSELOR WILL CALL ON ROUGET AGAIN SHORTLY AFTER UK AND FRENCH APPROACHES TO INDICATE USG CONTINUED INTEREST IN BORSIG CASE, AND TO EXPRESS US HOPE THAT FRG WILL ACT QUICKLY TO REQUEST ASSURANCES FROM GOI.
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